

WESTFIELD MINERALS LIMITED

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

1973

WESTFIELD MINERALS LIMITED

(Incorporated under the laws of Canada)

Executive and Head Office

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The Toronto Stock Exchange, Toronto, Canada

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Clarkson, Gordon & Co., Chartered Accountants, Toronto, Canada

DIRECTORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

The Directors are pleased to present the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Company. Included are the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1973 and a review of the principal developments during the year and the subsequent period to date.

Westfield's main assets consist of its Coniaurum property in the Timmins area, Ontario, which is, in part, leased to Pamour Porcupine Mines Limited; and its shareholdings in Vestgron Mines Limited, Whim Creek Consolidated N.L., and Northgate Exploration Limited. Details of these principal assets are set out in the appropriate sections of this Report.

While Westfield is primarily an exploration company, it has been necessary in recent years to limit its direct exploration activities in order to have the necessary funds available to meet anticipated obligations with respect to the financing of Vestgron Mines Limited.

In late 1972 and the first half of 1973, senior financing arrangements were completed for Vestgron and its wholly owned subsidiary, Greenex A/S. These arrangements involved a total of some \$52 million. The completion of these arrangements obviate the need to further conserve your Company's working capital.

Accordingly, during the latter part of 1973, West-field decided to embark again on a broadened exploration program which initially included the acquisition of prospecting licences in Nova Scotia in joint venture with Northgate Exploration Limited, the latter retaining a 40% participating interest in the project. To date, tracts covering an area of 87 square miles have been acquired and preliminary work will commence as soon as weather permits.

During 1974, in addition to the above, your Company plans to expand its exploration activities in Canada, both on its own account and in participation with other companies.

Of interest are the developments at the Coniaurum property in the Timmins area which is, in part, leased to Pamour Porcupine Mines Limited. Here, royalties have increased steadily in recent years and it is estimated that in 1974, with expected production rates and current metal prices, Westfield should receive about \$150,000. The reserves on the portion of the ground that is leased to Pamour amount to at least 1,100,000 tons in the Main Zone and it is possible that in the new East Zone there could be approximately 2 million tons. If metal prices remain at their present levels, royalties from this property could continue to expand in the coming years.

Another highlight of 1973 for your Company was the completion of the project at Marmorilik, West Greenland, by Greenex A/S, the wholly owned subsidiary of Vestgron Mines Limited. The Black Angel Mine concentrator commenced operating during August of 1973 and the first shipment of concentrates was made before the end of the 1973 shipping season. Westfield has participated in this venture since the original prospecting syndicate was formed in 1963 and its present substantial shareholding in Vestgron results

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from the exercise over several years of subscription rights to treasury shares.

Late in 1973 your Company purchased for investment a total of 100,000 shares of Northgate Exploration Limited on the open market at an average price of \$4.88 per share (including brokers' charges). These purchases were made after it was decided that Northgate provided a favourable investment opportunity. Westfield also sold 7,000 shares of Vestgron at an average price of \$20.50 per share (net of brokers' charges) with the objective of realizing a partial return on the Company's investment.

On January 25, 1974, Westfield received from Northgate, an offer to purchase 220,000 shares of Vestgron and 1,250,000 shares of Whim Creek for a total consideration of \$4,350,000 payable by the issue to Westfield of 800,000 treasury shares of Northgate and \$350,000 in cash. The offer is subject to prior confirmation by the shareholders of Northgate.

Since four of the six Westfield directors are also directors of Northgate, the Westfield board of directors took no action with respect to the Northgate offer other than referring it directly to the Westfield shareholders for acceptance or rejection. This offer will be presented to the shareholders of Westfield for their acceptance or rejection at the forthcoming Annual and Special General Meeting.

Apart from the \$350,000 in cash, the following table is presented to show the effect on Westfield's holdings in Vestgron, Whim Creek and Northgate, indicating both the direct and indirect percentage equity ownership, if this proposed transaction is consummated:

| | | Pre | sent Position | n | | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------|------|
| | Vestgron | | Whim Creek | | Northgate | |
| Direct Indirect | 634,510 — | 15.0% | 3,750,000 51,750 | 34.1% | 136,619 — | 2.3% |
| Totals | 634,510 | 15.0% | 3,801,750 | 34.5% | 136,619 | 2.3% |

| | | Pro F | Forma Posit | ion | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Vestgron Whim Creek Northga | | | | Northgat | te | |
| Direct | 414,510 | 9.8% | 2,500,000 | 22.7% | 936,619 | 13.8% |
| Indirect | 30,360 | | 483,000 | | | |
| Totals | 444,870 | 10.5% | 2,983,000 | 27.1% | 936,619 | 13.8% |

It is noted that Westfield has an option to purchase a further 2,750,000 treasury shares of Whim Creek exercisable on or before December 31, 1974 and Northgate has a similar option on 2,250,000 treasury shares of Whim Creek.

Further particulars with respect to this offer are contained in the accompanying Information Circular and Supplementary Information Circular.

CONIAURUM PROPERTY

Your Company owns the mineral rights and part of the surface rights of the former gold producing Coniaurum Property in Tisdale Township, Ontario, adjoining the McIntyre Mine. The McIntyre Mine and Mill were recently purchased by Pamour Porcupine Mines Limited.

Through a series of agreements originally made with McIntyre and assigned to Pamour effective November 27, 1973, a number of claims in the western portion of Westfield's Coniaurum Property (representing about half the total claim group) are leased under a mining and royalty arrangement to Pamour. The three separate agreements previously detailed in Westfield's 1970 Annual Report which covered the mining of essentially copper ore with accompanying modest payable quantities of gold, were further amended by a new agreement dated October 1, 1973 which is more specifically related to the mining of gold ore.

The agreements provide for basic royalty payments on the tons of ore milled plus escalation factors for metal prices and grades. The agreements variously continue until 1975 and 1978 with the right to extend

for further five year periods.

While the royalty income from this source has been relatively modest in the past, the progressively increasing tonnages of ore expected to be treated in future years together with higher prices for copper and gold, should result in correspondingly higher income. Assuming current metal prices and expected production rates, it is anticipated that royalty income for 1974 may approximate \$150,000.

Your Company recently retained a consultant to review the areas of the Coniaurum Property currently leased to Pamour. The consultant's report deals mainly with the two principal zones contained within the leased area, designated as the "Main Copper Zone"

and the "East Copper Zone".

The "Main Copper Zone" is entirely within the Pearl Lake Porphyry extending between the 3125' level and down to or near the 4625' level. The "East Copper Zone" has been approximately outlined between the 3625' and the 4025' level horizons and is apparently contained entirely within the volcanics on the east nose of the Pearl Lake Porphyry.

The reserves in the "Main Copper Zone" down to the 4300' horizon are estimated at 1,150,000 tons with an average diluted grade of 0.60% copper and 0.04 oz. of gold per ton. Estimated additional probable reserves down to the 4300' horizon total approximately 330,000 tons grading 0.59% copper and 0.05 oz. gold. Possible ore between 4300' and 4625' is not included.

During 1973 the additional area of copper mineralization now known as the "East Copper Zone" was probed by a series of long diamond drill holes drilled from underground workings. Definition drilling which was only recently commenced on the 3625' level is not yet sufficiently advanced for the calculation of a definite reserve tonnage. However, based on current and former drilling, the tonnage between the 3625' and the 4025' level horizons is estimated at approximately 2,000,000 tons grading 0.65% copper and 0.03 oz. of gold per ton.

A study will be made of the area of the Coniaurum Property outside of that presently leased to Pamour for the purpose of determining if suitable exploration targets exist. There is one known prospect consisting of a surface showing with considerable quartz reported and some grab samples with low gold values.

VESTGRON MINES LIMITED

As previously mentioned in this Report, the Black Angel lead-zinc-silver mine of Greenex A/S (the wholly owned subsidiary of Vestgron) at Marmorilik, Greenland, commenced tune-up operations during August of 1973. An initial shipment of concentrates was made prior to the end of the 1973 shipping season. Concentrate output is now being stockpiled in the concentrate storage facility which has a capacity for about seven months' production and concentrate shipments are expected to resume when the shipping season commences, usually in mid-June.

The project was completed on schedule and within

5% of the original capital cost estimate.

The concentrator has been designed to treat 1,650 metric tons of ore per day to produce annually 135,000 metric tons of zinc concentrates and 35,000 tons of lead concentrates, the latter containing payable silver values. Sales contracts covering the majority of the lead concentrates have been concluded for shipments to be made during 1974 and 1975 and most of the zinc has been committed either as concentrates or tolled metal up to the end of 1977.

Cominco Ltd., manager of the project, has been appointed marketing agent with respect to all of the production of concentrates and tolled metals from the

Black Angel mine.

Reported ore reserves with respect to the Black Angel zone are estimated to be in excess of 4,000,000 metric tons of 20% combined lead-zinc and approximately one ounce of silver per ton. There is another zone of mineralization, the "Cover Zone", lying about 1,500 metres east of the Black Angel zone and access to this could be gained from the existing underground workings. Cominco has stated that it considers further work on the property will at least double these reserves.

Mining is by open stoping method utilizing LHD equipment with primary and secondary crushing carried out underground and the fine ore is transported across the fjord by the fully automatic cable car system which can handle up to 2,200 metric tons daily.

Under the terms of the Utilization Concession granted to Greenex by the Danish Government, Greenex is exempt from Danish income taxes on profits derived from the Black Angel mining operations as well as customs duties and other charges on machinery, instruments and other materials imported into Greenland for use in the mining project. The concession terms provide that Greenex will pay an annual royalty at the rate of 45% of the profit derived from the Black Angel mining operations, but not until Greenex has earned an amount equal to the total capital expenditures up to the commencement of production including all exploration and pre-production development costs as well as interest expense during construction.

The profit on which royalty is to be applied is to be

determined by reference to the general rules of Danish law relating to the computation of taxable income of corporations. Depreciation may be claimed at a rate of up to 30% annually on the depreciated cost of assets with the exception of interest during construction and pre-production development costs relating to tunnels and other underground workings. Depreciation also shall not be commenced until Greenex has earned an amount equal to the total capital expenditures up to the commencement of production.

Vestgron shares were called for trading on both The Toronto Stock Exchange and the Vancouver Stock

Exchange in October of 1973.

Your Company's holdings in Vestgron at December 31, 1973 amounted to 634,510 shares or approximately 15% of the total issued and outstanding capital. This reduction in shares held reflects the sale of 7,000 shares.

WHIM CREEK CONSOLIDATED N.L.

The activities of Whim Creek and its subsidiary companies continue dominantly in the West Pilbara area of Western Australia and during the 1972-73 fiscal period exploration was also carried out in Queensland and New South Wales together with preliminary investigations in the Northern Territory. Exploration expenditures during the period amounted to Aus.\$566,893 and working capital at June 30, 1973 was Aus.\$2,110,782. The current currency exchange rate for the Australian dollar is approximately \$1.46 Canadian.

In its report for the quarterly period ended December 31, 1973, Whim Creek announced that a decision had been made to commence a comprehensive study of the feasibility of an operation or operations on the Whim Creek, Whundo and Mt. Sholl properties.

At the Whim Creek Mine where there is a small concentrator complex on a care and maintenance basis, the estimated reserves are 150,000 tons of oxide ore grading 4.8% copper and 325,000 tons of sulphide ore grading 2.5% copper. At the Mt. Sholl property drilling to date has outlined a reported probable tonnage of 3,650,000 tons averaging 0.61% copper and 0.53% nickel at a cut-off grade of 0.50% copper-nickel combined. Both of these properties are wholly owned.

With respect to the Whundo Joint Venture in which Whim Creek holds an approximate 79% interest, reported estimates of the probable tonnages are 75,000 tons of oxide ore averaging 1.95% copper, 225,000 tons of secondary enriched sulphide ore grading 2.5% copper, and 510,000 tons of primary sulphide averaging 1.82% copper and 2.09% zinc. In addition, there is a high grade shoot of secondary sulphide totalling

10,000 tons grading 20% copper.

Information regarding the Mons Cupri properties which are under option to Australian Inland Exploration Inc. (wholly owned subsidiary of Texasgulf) is substantially unchanged from that reported in Westfield's 1972 Annual Report, except for recent announcements that studies were in progress for copper recovery by leaching and that plans are being made to bring the Mons Cupri into production at a rate of 1,500

to 2,000 tons of ore per day.

Whim Creek holds a non-contributory interest in the Mons Cupri properties amounting to 31%%, the re-

mainder held by Australian Inland.

In addition to Westfield's present 34% (3,750,000 shares) interest in Whim Creek, it has an option to purchase 2,750,000 additional treasury shares at the greater of Aus.\$1.50 per share or a price equal to a 10% discount on the average market price in Australia for the 90 days preceding the date of exercise of the option. The option extends to December 31, 1974. The current market for Whim Creek shares is appreciably below this price.

GENERAL EXPLORATION

During 1973 your Company evaluated a number of property and other exploration submissions in furtherance of its policy of expanding activities in this field.

Westfield entered into a working option agreement with Pamike Mines Limited involving an 84-claim property in the Sturgeon Lake area of Ontario and a 1,500-acre group in Hebecourt Township, Quebec. Results of exploratory work carried out on these two properties did not justify the continuation of the agreement and the option was accordingly terminated.

In connection with your Company's zinc-silver property in Rennie Township which was under working option to Freeport Canadian Exploration Company, the latter drilled three holes to test the downward continuity of the zinc-silver bearing zone apparently without result and the agreement was terminated.

Preliminary exploration is planned for the large areas recently acquired in the Province of Nova Scotia in a joint project with our associated company, Northgate Exploration Limited, which holds a 40% par-

ticipating interest.

Other areas of exploration interest to your Company are through its shareholdings in Redstone Resources Inc., and Fort Reliance Minerals Limited, amounting to 223,444 shares and 62,188 shares, respectively. Both of these companies continue active exploration programs on a wide range of properties and prospects throughout Canada. Westfield retains its 50.7% interest in Here Fault Copper Limited which holds a 682-acre property in the Noranda area of Quebec, immediately to the south of the producing Lake Dufault property of Falconbridge Copper Limited.

GENERAL

Working capital at the end of 1973 amounted to \$435,202.

During 1973, Mr. G. W. Armstrong resigned as a Director. Mr. Patrick J. Hughes was appointed a Director and elected Chairman of the Board.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

M. K. Pickard, President.

March 21, 1974

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT:

ASSETS

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| Cash and bank term deposits |
|---|
| Accounts receivable |
| Total current assets |
| INVESTMENTS, at cost less amounts written off (notes 1, 2 and 6 and accompanying schedule): Subsidiary companies Associated companies Other companies |
| EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES DEFERRED (note 3) |
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| TIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |
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| CURRENT LIABILITIES: |
| Accounts payable and accrued charges |
| |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: |
| Capital (note 4) — |
| Issued: |
| 6,236,197 common shares (1972 — 6,217,315 shares) |
| Contributed surplus |
| |
| Deficit |
| |

(See accompanying notes)

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| 1973 | 1972 | | |
|------------|------------|--|--|
| \$ 470,225 | \$ 770,955 | | |
| 21,102 | | | |
| 491,327 | 770,955 | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 41,401 | 45,601 | | |
| 1,746,551 | 1,257,707 | | |
| 1,064,815 | 1,077,706 | | |

2,381,014

192,469

\$3,344,438

2,852,767

191,023

\$3,535,117

| December 31 | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|------|--------|--|--|
| | 1973 | 1972 | | | |
| \$ | 56,125 | \$ | 63,161 | | |
| Ψ_ | 00,120 | Ψ | 00,101 | | |

| 623,620 | 621,731 |
|-------------|-------------|
| 3,875,951 | 3,854,237 |
| 4,499,571 | 4,475,968 |
| (1,020,579) | (1,194,691) |
| 3,478,992 | 3,281,277 |
| \$3,535,117 | \$3,344,438 |
| | |

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Westfield Minerals Limited:

We have examined the balance sheet of Westfield Minerals Limited as at December 31, 1973 and the statements of income and deficit, contributed surplus, and source and application of funds for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the company as at December 31, 1973 and the results of its operations and the source and application of its funds for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

CLARKSON, GORDON & CO., Chartered Accountants.

Toronto, Canada, January 25, 1974.

On behalf of the Board:

M. K. PICKARD, Director.

G. T. SMITH, Director.

STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND DEFICIT AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS

| INCOME AND DEFICIT | Year ended D | December 31 |
|---|---|---|
| | 1973 | 1972 |
| REVENUE: | | |
| Royalty income Less amortization of related deferred exploration expenses (note 3) | \$ 51,170 5,117 | \$ 6,611 |
| | 46,053 | 6,611 |
| Interest on short-term investments | 43,007 | 40,573 |
| Miscellaneous income | 4,389 | 1,810 |
| | 93,449 | 48,994 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES: | | |
| Administrative fee | 4,200 | 9,650 |
| Consultants' fees | 12,000 | 9,000 |
| Legal and audit | 5,774 4,164 | 5,818 3,694 |
| Transfer agent | 2,350 | 3,519 |
| Provision for uncollectible accounts receivable | 2,065 | 2,670 |
| Other | 4,241 | 7,001 |
| | 34,794 | 41,352 |
| Income before the following | 58,655 | 7,642 |
| Gain on sales of investments | 134,426 | 68,785 |
| Exploration expenditures written off (note 3) | (14,769) | (13,658) |
| Investment written down | (4,200) | (3,400) |
| | 115,457 | 51,727 |
| Income before income taxes and extraordinary item | 174,112 | 59,369 |
| Income taxes | 36,000 | |
| INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM (per share: 1973 — 2.2¢; 1972 — 1¢) | 138,112 | 59,369 |
| EXTRAORDINARY ITEM: | | |
| Reduction of income taxes due to application of available amounts | | |
| carried forward from prior years (note 5) (per share: 0.6¢) | 36,000 | |
| NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR (per share: 1973 — 2.8¢; 1972 — 1¢) | 174,112 | 59,369 |
| DEFICIT at beginning of year | (1,194,691) | (1,254,060) |
| DEFICIT at end of year | \$(1,020,579) ====== | \$(1,194,691) |
| CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS | | |
| BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | \$ 3,854,237 | \$ 3,853,490 |
| Premium received on exercise of share purchase warrants | 21,714 | 747 |
| BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | \$ 3,875,951 | \$ 3,854,237 |
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(See accompanying notes)

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

| | Year ended December 31 | |
|--|------------------------|------------|
| | 1973 | 1972 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: | | |
| Royalty and interest income | \$ 93,449 | \$ 48,994 |
| Add amortization of related deferred exploration expenses (note 3) | 5,117 | |
| | 98,566 | 48,994 |
| Proceeds on disposal of investments | 150,962 | 88,785 |
| Exercise of share purchase warrants (note 4) | 23,603 | 812 |
| | 273,131 | 138,591 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS: | | |
| Administrative and general expenses | 34,794 | 41,352 |
| Exploration expenditures | 18,440 | 24,208 |
| Purchase of investments | 492,489 | 219,914 |
| | 545,723 | 285,474 |
| Decrease in funds during the year | (272,592) | (146,883) |
| Working capital at beginning of year | 707,794 | 854,677 |
| Working capital at end of year | \$ 435,202 | \$ 707,794 |

(See accompanying notes)

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARY, ASSOCIATED AND OTHER COMPANIES

| | Number of shares | Cost less amounts written of December 31 1973 1972 | |
|--|------------------------|--|-------------|
| | Silares | 1973 | 1972 |
| SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (note 1) | | \$ 41,401 | \$ 45,601 |
| ASSOCIATED COMPANIES: | | | |
| Whim Creek Consolidated N.L. (notes 1 and 6) (34% owned) Northgate Exploration Limited (quoted market value 1973 — | 3,750,000* | 1,074,997 | 1,074,997 |
| \$635,278; 1972 — \$173,940) (36,619 shares in 1972) (note 6) | 136,619 | 671,554 | 182,710 |
| 11 | | 1,746,551 | 1,257,707 |
| OTHER COMPANIES: | | | |
| Vestgron Mines Limited (641,510 shares in 1972) (notes 2 and 6) | 634,510* | 951,629 | 962,129 |
| Other | | 113,186 | 115,577 |
| | | 1,064,815 | 1,077,706 |
| Total | | \$2,852,767 | \$2,381,014 |
| | | | |

^{*}No quoted market value is shown for the shares of Whim Creek Consolidated N.L. which are listed on Australian stock exchanges, and for the shares of Vestgron Mines Limited which are listed on Canadian stock exchanges. Because of the substantial number of shares of these companies held by Westfield the amount which might be realized if these shares were to be sold may be more or less than their quoted market value.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1973

1. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

Subsidiary companies —
The company's investment in its subsidiary companies is carried at cost less amounts totalling \$85,402 written off to date, including \$4,200 in 1973, to reflect Westfield's share of such subsidiaries' losses and deferred exploration expenditures to December 31, 1973. The carrying value approximates Westfield's equity in the subsidiaries' working capital at December 31, 1973. The accounts of the subsidiaries have not been consolidated as they are not material to these financial statements.

Whim Creek Consolidated NI (see also note 6) —

Whim Creek Consolidated N.L. (see also note 6) — Westfield has an option to purchase a further 2,750,000 treasury shares of Whim Creek at the greater of Australian \$1.50 per share or a price equal to a 10% discount on the average market price in Australia for the 90 days preceding the date of exercise of the option. The option expires on December 31, 1974.

Northgate Exploration Limited, an associated company which owns approximately 45% of the outstanding shares of Westfield, has a similar option on 2,250,000 shares of Whim Creek. The present holdings of Northgate together with those of Westfield represent approximately 54% of the outstanding shares of Whim Creek. Northgate and Westfield have undertaken to exercise these options pro rata, in whole or in part, on request, to provide funds required by Whim Creek to carry out exploration or development programmes approved by the Board of Directors of Whim Creek. Exercise of these options may be subject to review under Australian foreign ownership legislation.

- INVESTMENTS IN OTHER COMPANIES
 Vestgron Mines Limited (see also note 6) —
 Of the 634,510 shares of Vestgron owned by Westfield 150,000 were in escrow at December 31, 1973, but have been released from such restriction in January, 1974.
- 3. EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES DEFERRED
 Exploration expenditures are deferred until the results of the related projects are known. If the project is successful the related exploration expenditures are amortized over a period of years against the anticipated income from that source. If the project is abandoned or considered to be of no immediate value to the company, the related expenditures are charged at such time against income. The costs deferred at any time do not necessarily reflect present or future values.
- 4. SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE PURCHASE WARRANTS

The authorized share capital of the company is:

150,000 5% non-cumulative, non-participating, convertible, redeemable (at 102%) preferred shares of the par value of \$7.50 each (less 120,000 shares converted or redeemed and cancelled) (none outstanding).

10,000,000 common shares of the par value of 10¢ each (6,236,197 outstanding).

During 1973, 18,882 common shares were sold for cash of \$23,603 on exercise of outstanding share purchase warrants. The remaining warrants expired on June 14, 1973.

INCOME TAXES

Exploration and development expenses incurred to December 31, 1973 aggregating approximately \$675,000 may be available under applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) to reduce income subject to tax, if earned, in future years.

Accumulated tax losses aggregating approximately \$274,000 (which expire in varying amounts over the years 1974-1978) may also be available to reduce income subject to tax (after the deduction of the above-mentioned exploration and development expenses), if earned, in future years.

- 6. MATERIAL SUBSEQUENT EVENT
 Northgate Exploration Limited has made an offer dated January 25, 1974 to purchase 220,000 shares of Vestgron and 1,250,000 shares of Whim Creek from Westfield for a consideration of \$4,350,000 to be satisfied by the issue to Westfield of 800,000 fully paid Northgate shares and cash of \$350,000. The offer is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Northgate and Westfield.
- 7. COMPARATIVE FIGURES
 The presentation of the comparative figures for 1972 in the statements of income and deficit and source and application of funds has been revised to conform with the 1973 presentation.
- 8. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
 During the year the company had seven directors and three officers (of whom two were also directors) including those who were elected and who retired during the year. No remuneration was paid to the directors, as such. Remuneration paid to officers amounted to \$12,000 (\$9,000 in 1972).